

## **REMARKS**

Claims 1, 14, and 27 are pending. Claims 2-13, 15-26, and 28-30 are canceled. Claims 1, 14, and 27 remain in the application. Applicants have amended claims 1, 14, and 27 and canceled claims 2-13, 15-26, and 28-30 from further consideration in this application. Applicants are not conceding in this application that those claims are not patentable, as the present claim amendments and cancellations are only for facilitating expeditious prosecution of the remaining claim.

Applicants respectfully reserve the right to pursue these and other claims, including the subject matter encompassed by claims 2-13, 15-26, and 28-30 as presented prior to this Amendment, in one or more continuations and/or divisional patent applications.

Claims 1, 14, and 27 are believed to be in condition for allowance. The Examiner is invited to call the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number if in the opinion of the Examiner such a telephone conference would expedite or aid the prosecution and examination of this application.

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Respectfully submitted,

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